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Dear Roger:

We were of course delighted to hear that you might pay us a visit, and hope very much that you will if you can fit it into your schedule: and I certainly can't see why not. Will you accept our hospitality while you are here?

I have dropped a few remarks into receptive ears here, but as you may imagine, it takes some time for such matters to gather momentum. One difficulty is that, logically, you ought to work at the Bacteriology Department, where as the staff thereof would be the first to admit you could do a tremendous amount of good. However, the facilities for research there, to say the least, would make it rather unattractive. I still have to communicate informally with Dean (Grad. School) Elvejhem, who is pretty much the ruling force behind the Enzyme Institute as well as the Chairman of the Biochemistry Dept. With A. W. Peterson's retirement this year, there will be a vacancy in that department for a microbiological chemist, one that would be worth your consideration. I anticipate that Elvejhem will, in fact, be more concerned about filling this vacancy (which is in being) than in making room for another senior staff member at the Institute which would require budgetary and space rearrangement. However, I can see no good reason to choose one over the other, except that Biochemistry

has established a place in the University that the Institute so far lacks.

I am sorry that you will not be able to come <sup>on</sup> ~~during~~ a weekday as it will be more difficult to round up some of the people that you might like to see. We are proceeding tentatively with plans for a gathering at our home the night of the 14th that may make do.

Thanks for sending the mimeograph pamphlet. Probably out of confusion, I sent a check to the Academic Assembly: I hope it will do the same good. Please keep us up to date— we appreciate that very much.

From what I gather, van Niel's class did a successful recombination experiment with K-12: I just received a request from Harry Eagle for some of the strains.

Looking forward to seeing you (And let us know how you're coming and we'll pick you up) —

Joshua.